

(1) IN GENERAL.—A grant awarded under this section shall be used to support the costs of an eligible applicant's—

- (A) flight training services;
- (B) program tuition;
- (C) training materials;
- (D) equipment; or

(E) any other cost associated with expenses incurred by an eligible applicant for purposes of receiving flight education and training, including aircraft type training on regional jet aircraft or simulation equipment, through an eligible pilot development program.

(2) RETURN OF GRANT FUNDS.—Any grant funds disbursed to an eligible applicant by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (c) that are used in violation of paragraph (1), or are not expended as of the earlier of the date of termination of the eligible applicant's participation in, or the expiration of, the pilot program established in subsection (a), shall be returned to the Secretary not later than 30 days after the Secretary issues a written determination to the eligible applicant stating the necessity for and compelling the return of such grant funds. The Secretary may investigate any eligible applicants who use grant funds in violation of paragraph (1).

(e) PREFERENCE FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH REGIONAL AIR CARRIERS.—In awarding grants under subsection (c) to an eligible applicant, the Secretary shall give preferential consideration to an eligible applicant who demonstrates a documented commitment, on a voluntary basis, to initiate or continue employment with a certificate holder that conducts operations described in subsection (a)(1) until such time as the eligible applicant attains the position of captain and serves in such position for at least 2 years.

(f) CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out the pilot program established under this section, the Secretary shall consider the following:

(1) Ensuring the issuance of awards reflects equal consideration of all eligible pilot development programs operated by certificate holders that conducts operations described in subsection (a)(1) from which eligible applicants could be enrolled in and receive direct financial assistance for flight education and training.

(2) Developing and issuing policies, in coordination with eligible pilot development programs described in subsection (g) that are operated by such certificate holders, to verify the use of awarded grant funds by eligible applicants to support costs related to flight education and training.

(g) ELIGIBLE PILOT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.—For purposes of the pilot program established under this section, an eligible pilot development program shall meet the following criteria:

(1) The program shall be operated in conjunction with an eligible institution that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the Secretary that—

(A) awards undergraduate certificates or associate or bachelor's degrees; or

(B) provides pilot training in accordance with part 141 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation.

(2) The program shall be able to facilitate an eligible applicant's ability to fulfill necessary flight education and training requirements, as determined by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, to obtain a restricted airline transport pilot certificate.

(3) The program provides direct financial assistance to an enrolled eligible applicant or reimburses an enrolled eligible applicant for costs associated with expenses incurred by an enrolled eligible applicant for purposes of receiving pilot training necessary to fulfill the certification described in paragraph (2).

(4) The program shall be operated by, affiliated with, or have an agreement with, a certificate holder that conducts operations described in subsection (a)(1) for the purposes of conducting flight education and training and developing pilots for employment with the certificate holder.

(h) CONSOLIDATION OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary shall provide, in a readily accessible web-based format, consolidated information on grants available under the pilot program established under this section.

(i) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—No later than 5 years after the establishment of the pilot program under this section, the Secretary shall submit a report (and provide a briefing) to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives on the progress of the pilot program under this section, including—

- (1) any detailed metrics associated with the implementation of the pilot program;
- (2) the resulting impact on the domestic regional carrier pilot workforce; and

(3) any related recommendations for future action to improve the recruitment and retention of pilots at domestic regional carriers.

(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$21,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2026, to remain available until expended.

**SA 912.** Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . FOOD INSECURITY AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES TRANSITIONING OUT OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE.**

(a) STUDY; EDUCATION AND OUTREACH EFFORTS.—

(1) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall, in conjunction with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and other Federal officials, as appropriate, conduct a study to identify the means by which members of the Armed Forces are provided information about the availability of Federal nutrition assistance programs as they transition out of active duty service.

(2) EDUCATION AND OUTREACH EFFORTS.—The Secretary of Defense, working with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and other Federal officials, as appropriate, shall increase education and outreach efforts to members of the Armed Forces who are transitioning out of active duty service, particularly those members identified as being at-risk for food insecurity, to increase awareness of the availability of Federal nutrition assistance programs and eligibility for those programs.

(3) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall—

(A) submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report on the results of the study conducted under paragraph (1); and

(B) publish such report on the website of the Department of Defense.

(b) WORKING GROUP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Vet-

erans Affairs and the Secretary of Agriculture, shall establish a working group to address, across the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Agriculture, coordination, data sharing, and evaluation efforts on underlying factors contributing to food insecurity among members of the Armed Forces transitioning out of active duty service, including estimates of future earnings of such members (in this subsection referred to as the "working group").

(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The working group be composed of—

(A) representatives from the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Agriculture;

(B) other relevant Federal officials, including those connected to veteran transition programs; and

(C) other relevant stakeholders as determined by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the Secretary of Agriculture.

(3) REPORT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the working group shall submit to each congressional committee with jurisdiction over the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Agriculture a report on the coordination, data sharing, and evaluation efforts described in paragraph (1).

(B) ELEMENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(i) An accounting of the funding each department referred to in subparagraph (A) has obligated toward research relating to food insecurity among members of the Armed Forces or veterans.

(ii) An outline of methods of comparing programs and sharing best practices for addressing food insecurity by each such department.

(iii) An outline of—

(I) the plan each such department has to achieve greater government efficiency and cross-agency coordination, data sharing, and evaluation in addressing food insecurity among members transitioning out of the Armed Forces; and

(II) efforts that the departments can undertake to improve coordination to better address food insecurity as it impacts members during and after their active duty service.

(iv) An identification of—

(I) any legal, technological, or administrative barriers to increased coordination and data sharing in addressing food insecurity among members transitioning out of the Armed Forces; and

(II) any additional authorities needed to increase such coordination and data sharing.

(v) Any other information the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary of Agriculture determines to be appropriate.

**SA 913.** Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title II, insert the following:

**SEC. 2. REVIEW OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INVESTMENT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) review the current investment into applications of artificial intelligence to the platforms, processes, and operations of the Department of Defense; and

(2) categorize the types of artificial intelligence investments by categories including but not limited to the following:

- (A) Automation.
- (B) Machine learning.
- (C) Autonomy.
- (D) Robotics.
- (E) Deep learning and neural network.
- (F) Natural language processing.

(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 120 days after the completion of the review and categorization required by subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on—

(1) the findings of the Secretary with respect to the review and any action taken or proposed to be taken by the Secretary to address such findings; and

(2) an evaluation of how the findings of the Secretary align with stated strategies of the Department of Defense with regard to artificial intelligence and performance objectives established in the Department of Defense Data, Analytics, and Artificial Intelligence Adoption Strategy.

**SA 914.** Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 565. PROMOTION OF CERTAIN FOOD AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Each Secretary concerned shall promote, to members of the Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of the Secretary, awareness of food and nutrition assistance programs administered by the Department of Defense.

(b) REPORTING.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Secretary concerned shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report summarizing activities taken by the Secretary to carry out subsection (a).

(c) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this section, the term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning given that term in section 101 of title 10, United States Code.

**SA 915.** Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. BRAUN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . RELEASE OF EDUCATION RECORDS TO FACILITATE THE AWARD OF A RECOGNIZED POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL.**

Section 444(b)(1) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g(b)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (K)(ii), by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(2) in subparagraph (L), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (L) the following:

“(M) an institution of postsecondary education in which the student was previously enrolled, to which records of postsecondary coursework and credits completed by the student are disclosed for the purpose of applying such coursework and credits toward completion of a recognized postsecondary credential (as that term is defined in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102)).”; and

(4) by adding at the end of the flush matter at the end the following: “An institution of postsecondary education in which a student was previously enrolled may not use disclosed records as described in subparagraph (M) to issue a student a recognized postsecondary credential unless the student provides such institution with the student’s prior written consent to issue the student such credential.”.

**SA 916.** Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . ACCESS TO COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES FOR REMARRIED SPOUSES.**

(a) BENEFITS.—Section 1062 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “The Secretary of Defense” and inserting the following:

“(a) CERTAIN UNREMARIED FORMER SPOUSES.—The Secretary of Defense”;

(2) by striking “commissary and exchange privileges” and inserting “use commissary stores and MWR retail facilities”;

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) CERTAIN REMARRIED SURVIVING SPOUSES.—The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to provide that a surviving spouse of a deceased member of the armed forces, regardless of the marital status of the surviving spouse, is entitled to use commissary stores and MWR retail facilities to the same extent and on the same basis as an unremarried surviving spouse of a member of the uniformed services.”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) MWR RETAIL FACILITIES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “MWR retail facilities” has the meaning given that term in section 1063(e) of this title.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) SECTION HEADING.—The heading of section 1062 of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“§ 1062. Certain former spouses and surviving spouses”.

(2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 54 of title

10, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 1062 and inserting the following new item:

“1062. Certain former spouses and surviving spouses.”.

**SA 917.** Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XV, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . MONITORING IRANIAN ENRICHMENT.**

(a) SIGNIFICANT ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY DEFINED.—In this section, the term “significant enrichment activity” means—

(1) any enrichment of any amount of uranium-235 to a purity percentage that is 5 percent higher than the purity percentage indicated in the prior submission to Congress under subsection (b)(1); or

(2) any enrichment of uranium-235 in a quantity exceeding 10 kilograms.

(b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 48 hours after the Director of National Intelligence assesses that the Islamic Republic of Iran has produced or possesses any amount of uranium-235 enriched to greater than 60 percent purity or has engaged in significant enrichment activity, the Director of National Intelligence shall submit to Congress such assessment, consistent with the protection of intelligence sources and methods.

(2) DUPLICATION.—For any submission required by this subsection, the Director of National Intelligence may rely upon existing products that reflect the current analytic judgment of the intelligence community, including reports or products produced in response to congressional mandate or requests from executive branch officials.

**SA 918.** Mr. OSSOFF (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . PROVISION OF FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INFORMATION AS PART OF TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

Section 1142(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(20) Information, counseling, and application assistance, developed and provided in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, regarding Federal food and nutrition assistance programs, including the supplemental nutrition assistance program established under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) and the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children established by section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786).”.